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Thanks

... To those parents who supported our junior school trips this week.

... To Jenny Wieggersma who yet again, helped supervise our Y4-6s at the Interschool Athletics day. Jenny you are much appreciated!!

People of the week

... Our home gardeners ... Good luck for judging this weekend.

... Savannah Manley who represented Northland recently at the Auckland Judo Championships, winning all her fights, and receiving the gold medal for her efforts. Well done Savannah!

Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

5 December	BOT Parent Helpers Morning Tea
6 December	School Team Athletics Day (pp 7.12)
8 December	Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017
11 December	School prize giving
12 December	End of Year Reports issued
13 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

For those interested ... term dates for 2018

Term 1 31 January to 13 April

Term 2 ... 30 April to 6 July

Term 3 ... 23 July to 28 September

Term 4 ... 15 October to (approximately) 14 December

School Team Athletics Day - Wednesday 6 December

You might like to drop by Wednesday 6 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years, the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events, and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours (creativity encouraged).

Thanks to Earl Tito Engineering who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.

Prizegiving

Please reserve 11 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 6:30pm ... all under cover this year. Attendance on this night is optional for 5 year olds (but all other children are asked to be present please). The evening usually concludes about 8.30pm with a shared supper. Families are asked to bring two plates for supper please.

School Council Disco

Friday 8 December ... **Lunchtime for the Junior School** (Years 1 to 3)

Junior theme ... dress as a famous person.

7:00 to 9:30pm for the rest of the school (Years 4 to 8). Years 4 to 8

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

... After School Swimming Lessons 2018	... Confirmation of address / bus entitlement
... Black watch found	... Missing copper kettle
... Reports ... second copy	... School Contributions
... Dental clinic	... After School Care 2018

Kapa Haka performance

Message from Whaea Charlene to all Kapa Haka students

Please remember to bring your black shorts/tights and tshirts/tops to school by Friday 1st December (Monday at the latest).

Practice/dress rehearsal on Monday 4th at 1:30pm

Practice/dress rehearsal on Tuesday 5th December at 1:30pm before performance at 2:30pm.

Ngā mihi

Please note that our kapa haka group will be performing 2:30pm Tuesday 5 December in the school hall. We hope to see some of you at their performance.

Year 5 and 6 Camp 2019 Lonsdale Park 6 to 9 March

... Permission forms went home today for return by next Friday please. Any questions in the run up to Mrs Schuster please.

Cool Bananas Nativity Show

Please ensure that all consents are returned by Monday. Children will not be attending if a permission form has not been returned to school.

Year 8 Leaving Books

A reminder that these are due at school Monday 4 December. A huge thank you to parents who have helped with the purchase of these books.

Year 8 Day - Action World (Paihia) - 13 Dec

Leaving school 9:00 am, returning by 3:00 pm. Thank you to those offering supervision and transport on the day. Cost \$15 if EOTC fee has not been paid (please check with the school office if not sure). If EOTC fee has been paid then all cost will be covered by this fee. **A consent form was sent home today for return by 6 December.** Questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

Year 7 Day - Adrenalin Adventure Park (Hukerenui) - 13 Dec

Leaving school 9:00am, returning by 3:00pm. Thank you to those offering supervision and transport on the day. Cost \$20 if EOTC fee has not been paid (please check with the school office if not sure). The cost is \$5 if the EOTC fee has been paid. **A consent form was sent home today for return by 6 December.** Questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

Art Exhibition

Judges were mightily impressed with the quality of exhibits. If you haven't yet done so please drop by the library to take a look. Thank you to every exhibitor and to parents for supporting their efforts.

Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

Cohort Entry

You may recall that we consulted with you earlier in the year regarding a cohort entry policy which would have enabled children to start school 5 weeks or so before their fifth birthday if ready, or 5 weeks after if not ready. This is to advise that the new government has decided not to proceed with this initiative. Thank you to those people who contributed their thoughts during consultation.

Digital Devices 2018

... see next week's newsletter.

Pool Keys 2018

The school pool will be open for use by key holders from mid-January of next year, until around Easter. Keys will be available for hire next week at a cost of \$40 (with \$10 of this refunded when the key is returned at the end of the season).

A number of people have not returned their 2017 keys and are asked to do so by the end of next week please, where a key is lost we will be asking parents to pay for the cost of cutting another key.

After School Swimming Lessons 2018

If interested please phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021 464 300. Be in quick!

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting
10:30 am Tuesday 5 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2017. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.
This will also be an opportunity to farewell Mr Le Breton.

2018 School Stationery

As for 2017, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz The class stationery lists will be uploaded by the time school closes & confirmation of your child's 2018 classroom will be confirmed by then too. On the Officemax website search for Matarau School and then your child's class. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process.



If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Home Gardens

Home Garden Judging is tomorrow - Saturday 2 December. A reminder to make sure the judge finds the garden easily - make sure dogs are tied up, put a balloon on your letterbox & mark the garden spaces clearly if you aren't there when the judge arrives. Good luck with your gardens and don't forget to come and tell us how everything is growing. Happy Gardening - Mrs Burgin, Miss Blundell, Miss Gentil

A reminder that gardens will not be visited in the event that a "Consent to Visit" form was not returned to school.

Early finish

Please note that school finishes at midday (12:00) on the final day of school - Thursday 14 December. All buses will run approximately 3 hours early (including the bus into Kamo) ... please allow some variation on drop off / pick up time due to unpredictable loadings. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at midday please.

Finally

Plenty happening in the final weeks. We are looking forward to connecting with you.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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House wanted to Rent - Family looking for 3+ bdrm home in Matarau area. Ideally with 2 living areas / granny flat type set up. Long term. Trish 021 843 100 or trish_reumah@hotmail.com

Holiday Surf Programmes - at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay the summer holidays. Our programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf. This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding. Monday-Friday - 18-22 Dec; 1-5 Jan; 8-12 Jan; 15-19 Jan. Limited spaces - Please email to book surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Christmas Joy! – Whangarei Choral Society Inc presents this at St Johns Golden Church on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm. Adults \$20, children 0-15 \$5. Tickets at the door

Matarau Tennis Club AGM - Tuesday 19 December, Matarau School Staffroom, 7pm. Please call Robyn on 021 541 349 or 433 5501 for more details or email on russrob763@gmail.com.

Kiwi North School Holiday Activities - 10am to 12.00pm, 8-26 January 2018

Week 1: 8-12 Jan Monday: Bernina Fabric Craft, Tuesday: Explore Bream Head—Toyota Kiwi Guardians; Wednesday: Building Insect Hotels, Thursday—Explore Botanica—Kiwi Conservation Club; Friday: Lesson in the 1898 Riponui Pah School House

Week 2: 15-19 Jan Monday: Poi, kakahu, weaving; Tuesday: Explore Dragonfly Springs; Wed: Design a predator trap; Thursday: Tamaterau with Leopardseals.org; Friday: Archaeology

Week 3, 22nd-26th Jan Monday: Clay Critters; Tuesday: Explore Hatea River Archaeology with Heritage NZ; Wednesday: Geology; Thursday: Explore McLeods Bay - Whale Rescue Training; Friday: Pioneer NZ in the Homestead. Email - reception@kiwinorth.co.nz or phone 438 9630 extn 0

FREE School Holiday Programme

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One week holiday programme (9am to 1pm) - Choose a week... Activities include sports, arts and crafts and hip hop dance and trips to Whangarei Aquatic Centre, bootcamp, gymnastics and more! Week 1: December 18–22; Week 2: January 8–12; Week 3: January 15-19; Week 4: January 22–26; Week 5: January 30– Feb 2; Where: Whangarei Intermediate School Who: Children aged 8-14yrs

To register call 459 6909 and leave your details on the answer phone; name, phone number and week you wish your child/ren to attend or email northhiphopdance@gmail.com ... we will get back to you to confirm your registration ... limited spaces.

Kidzones Holiday Programme Kidzones will be opening 8 January to the 26 January 2018.

Kamo Kidzone will be open 18th to 22nd December. All children are welcome to use this programme.

Check out what the Kidzones team have planned for the summer on www.kidzones.co.nz

Contact Sandra North on 021 249 3308 or sandra@kidzones.co.nz

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa, warm greetings to you all.

The whanau group is holding an end of year BBQ get together on
Thursday 7th December at 4pm to celebrate 2017
and look ahead in preparation for the coming year and would like to extend a warm
welcome to you and your whanau.

The group supports the bicultural focus of the school to uphold the Ministry of Education's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the *Ka Hikitia* Strategy and is open to all families within our school community.

If you would like to learn more about our kaupapa (purpose) and our role, or would just like to hang out and enjoy each other's company, please join us!

Please bring a plate to share **and** rsvp by Tuesday 5th December 3pm - how many from your whanau are attending to kgriffin@matarau.school.nz, as sausages and bread will be available.